

# Mr. Whittet's Platform Endorsed by Two Leading Virginia Papers

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## Administrative Board Platforms

The choice of five men for the Administrative Board is not a matter of sentiment. It is not a matter of personal friendship, pledges of support, reward of service along other lines, or small ward politics. It is a grave and complicated experiment. It must be settled on broad constructive lines. The selection must be made on facts, and not upon personal preference, partisanship, or private interest. It involves big business in the best sense—the economical expenditure of some \$3,000,000 to produce the best results for 130,000 people. The true standard of choice is efficiency. The five men who seem to promise the most successful administration of the municipal life of Richmond for the prosperity, growth and happiness of the entire community are those who should be entrusted with a task that will demand vision, initiative and courage.

Many of the aspirants do not seem to realize this necessity. In both speeches and published statements by themselves and by their friends, they have made no definite promise of what they intend to do to help Richmond. Their chief contention is that they deserve what help Richmond can give them. But Richmond is not seeking to help anybody. Richmond is seeking to help itself. The voters desire to know what these candidates have done, and what they propose to do. Mere autobiographies are not guides for intelligent voting. The record that the community wants to read and judge is that of accomplished facts, improvements secured for the city, intelligence and ability manifested in unmistakable deeds. Moreover, it desires to learn of the capacity of these men for big executive duties by a clear-cut outline or platform, of their ambitions for Richmond, and what specific reforms and improvements they propose to make.

For this reason we commend to the attention of all the candidates the platform of one of their number recently published. It is an excellent model. It is no mushy lot of platitudes about duty well done, and years spent at this or that occupation. It is not vague generalization, but specific fact. Whether you agree with its aims or not, is another question. But it states these aims in simple fashion, and gives the voter a sound base for choosing. It not only promises certain measures and methods, but by the tone of the whole, it throws a light upon the fitness of the man for this high place.

The following are some of the planks of this real platform: A comprehensive plan for better parks, streets and for the betterment of these utilities by permanent and well-distributed improvements; the economical co-ordination of all city departments; extension of territory by annexation to furnish better and cheaper homes for the laboring masses; liberal elementary school facilities; well-equipped and directed playgrounds; improved living conditions for the negro population; a public library and auditorium. These are practical matters. They indicate a proper conception of municipal affairs and the functions of administrators. The Times-Dispatch urges men who desire to be judged on their merits to submit similar platforms to the voters.



The Times-Dispatch editorial of August 1st was a commendation of Mr. Whittet's interview which appeared in the News Leader of the preceding day.

The Ledger-Dispatch, of Norfolk, gave their editorial endorsement of Mr. Whittet's platform as outlined before the Business Men's Club of Richmond.

The voters of Richmond are asked to read these editorials, which are voluntary expressions of approval of Mr. Whittet's platform.

The firm of Whittet & Shepperson employ union workmen and pay union wages.

Mr. Whittet opposed the Traction Company running their cars over the Passenger and Power tracks on Main Street, and openly stated his reason to be that such a course would result in a consolidation of the two companies.

His prediction was confirmed within a few months.

Mr. Whittet's vote on the telephone question was to prevent a duplicate service, to see all the phones in Richmond connected with long distance wires and to have all the telephone wires in the business district buried underground. The result is a better and more economical service to our citizens.

The traction and telephone ordinances are the only two acts of his 14 years in the Board of Aldermen that have been criticised; hence the above statement.

## To the Voters of Richmond

I solicit your vote and influence in the primary as a member of the Administrative Board.

I have been identified with the business interests of the city for 25 years; have served as a member of the Board of Aldermen for 14 years, retiring as its President on August 31st.

I intend to devote my best talents to the service of the city, if elected, and to prosecute every endeavor which will make for the improvement of our city and her people.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT WHITTET, Jr.

## Good Platform

President Robert Whittet, of the Richmond Board of Aldermen, is a candidate for the Administrative Board, which that city will soon elect. He thus sets forth what he will do for the good of Richmond if chosen:

"I shall stand for permanent improvements, with a low cost of maintenance, and shall avoid temporary work or makeshifts.

"I shall stand for a comprehensive plan, including present and future needs, to care for the wonderful development that is in store, both in the old part of the city and its environments.

"I shall stand for the co-ordination of all of the departments of this city, which will be in contrast with the past experience of those departments, which, under the old form of government, could not well have been avoided.

"I shall stand for a liberal policy of annexation, based upon the financial cost involved, with the single purpose of keeping pace in advance of the future rapid development of the city; and to open up with the city-improvements nearby territory, which can be occupied by homes of moderate value.

"I shall stand for what I believe to be a pressing social and health problem; that is, for the immediate consideration for the betterment of our whole people in development of a section of the city where our colored population can improve their environments.

"I shall stand for the liberal support of playgrounds and recreation points for the children, which need is becoming more pressing as our city grows.

"I shall stand for a centrally located auditorium and library; and in connection with the library propose to develop a children's section of proper books in sufficient numbers to circulate into all of the homes under proper and reasonable regulations.

"I shall stand for the co-operation of the city in building serviceable roads in all directions, thereby making it possible for the development of small truck farms and suburban population, knowing that the city will be compensated both in the manner and cost of living.

"I shall stand for the development of public wharfage, and the location of manufacturing sites on both sides of the river in the eastern section of the city."

This is a most admirable platform. There are many planks in it which could well be used in the upbuilding of Norfolk.

The attention of the incoming Mayor and Council is invited to them. Especially important to Norfolk is the last one, which is double-barreled, so to speak. Norfolk must have public docks in time for the opening of the Panama Canal.

She should have factories of many kinds, and will have them when favorable freight rates can be secured.

Mr. Whittet's platform indicates that he would make a most excellent member of Richmond's new board.

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## CHARTER GRANTED FOR NEW RAILROAD

Will Extend From Culpeper to Washington—Damage by Recent Storm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Culpeper, Va., September 8.—A charter was granted this week by the State Corporation Commission to the recently organized Culpeper, Madison and Rappahannock Railroad Company, whose purpose is to build a line of railroad between the towns of Culpeper and Washington, Va., a distance of thirty-two miles, across the three counties. The officers are Patrick Henry, Chairman, president, S. L. Cooper, vice-president, E. J. Foster, secretary and treasurer. This enterprise has no connection with the Rappahannock River project, being in a different section of the State. Its object is to penetrate the most fertile counties of Virginia, which are not now traversed by a railroad. The country through which the line will run is very rich in timber.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Culpeper County, which will be held next week, Judge George S. Shackelford, of Orange, will present to the board in the courtroom a portrait of his uncle, Judge Henry Shackelford, who was judge of this court at the time of his death in 1899. The old Shackelford home is one of the landmarks of Culpeper, and was occupied until recently by a grandson, Major Edwin H. Gibson, who is Commonwealth's attorney of the county.

Robert Mackall, who was elected Mayor of Culpeper on June 11, entered upon the duties of his office last week, succeeding H. C. Burrows, who had served for several terms and who did not stand for reelection. The new Mayor, like the outgoing one, is an ex-Confederate being a member of Mosby's famous cavalry at the close of the war.

Miss Ruth Delaney and Rauler Shackelford were married Wednesday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Alfred Tullany, in Madison, and left immediately afterwards for a Northern trip. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Reynolds, of the R. T. Baptist Church. They will live in the R. T. Valley of Rappahannock, where Mr. Shackelford owns a historic home. At the recent meeting of the Shiloh Association, in Madison, a change was made in Article 4 of the constitution which provided some opposition before.

It was finally carried by a vote of 20 to 9. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: W. E. Buchanan, moderator; Rev. G. W. Hart, vice-moderator; John A. Holtzman, clerk; W. H. Nelson, treasurer. The next annual meeting of this association will be held with the Ruckersville Church next August, and Rev. Stockton Cole has been appointed to preach the opening sermon.

Many barns and other buildings were destroyed by lightning in the storm that passed over this section last Monday evening. H. S. Fishback, living about a mile from Madison County, had his large barn completely burned, together with a quantity of hay, vehicles and farming tools, all of which were a complete loss to him. In the same storm a barn belonging to Dr. Hixey, near Manassas, was also destroyed by lightning, but the stock was fortunately rescued. There was a small insurance on the building.

While two Plaks and young Charles Knighton were at work near their home on the upper Jordan several days ago they came across two large rattlesnakes which, after quite a fight, they succeeded in killing. Both of the snakes measured nearly five feet, and one had thirteen rattles, and the skin measured eight and a half inches across.

N. Ayler, of Bano, is such a believer in the future of alfalfa as a good thing for Madison farmers that he has prepared a plot on his farm there and invited the neighboring farmers to watch the progress of the crop. Alfalfa has been grown very little in this section so far.

Mrs. Mary A. Calvert died at her home in Woodville, Rappahannock, on Friday at the advanced age of eighty-five years, and was buried in the Episcopal Church yard of that place. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Reynolds. Mrs. Calvert was one of Woodville's oldest citizens and belonged to a well-known and highly respected family.

A Good Housekeeping Club, as an auxiliary to the Farmers' Institute, has been formed by a number of women near Gainesville, in Prince William, with Mrs. W. L. Saunders as president. This club, which is believed to be the only one of its kind in the State, holds interesting monthly meetings. Though its prime object is the discussion of home topics in general and the exchange of recipes, yet any topic of public interest, such as beautifying the school grounds or the special need of any poor in the community, is sure of appreciation and attention.

Frank Whedden, the fourteen-year-old son of T. H. Whedden, who lives about a mile east of Manassas, has developed the most remarkable musical and mechanical talent. He plays correctly on almost any musical instrument without the aid of a teacher; he learned the telegraph alphabet in a couple of days, and with a home-constructed instrument practices the manipulation of the key. He has built himself a small toolhouse and workshop this summer, all on his own initiative, and has already made the second order piece, the first one not being to his complete satisfaction.



Group of Confederate Veterans and Daughters of Radford

The memories of the Confederacy are kept alive in Radford by the G. C. Wharton Camp of Confederate Veterans, the New River Grays Chapter, E. D. C., the Radford Chapter, E. D. C., and the Sons of Veterans. All of these organizations will take part in the parade on Radford Day at the great District Fair, to be held next week, and as they number about 225 persons, will make a good showing.

The Veterans camp, which numbers sixty-two members, is named for General G. C. Wharton, who was commander of the camp from its formation until the time of his death. Since that time E. M. Ingles has served in that capacity, with Dr. W. P. Nye as adjutant. The Sons of Veterans, a new organization, is commanded by W. A. Earhart, with Wise Worrell, adjutant. The New River Grays Chapter, E. D. C., is named for a company that was organized by Captain Radford at New River at the beginning of the war, and has as its president Mrs. Lily Patton Kearsley. Mrs. Mark Reid is president of the Radford Chapter, which numbers nearly 100 members.

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Stolen Goods Recovered.

Negro Man and Woman Locked Up in Connection With Theft.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Fayetteville, N. C., September 8.—A well-stored thief's cache has been discovered by police in a negro quarters of this city. The stolen goods, numerous articles of which have been identified by local merchants, are coming from their shops, were found in the home of Mrs. McNeill, a negro woman, who is, together with Shake Dunston, a negro man taken in her home at the time of the raid, locked up.

The articles found range from millinery's plumes, such as are used on the most expensive hats, to men's winter overcoats. Among them were women's ready-made skirts, underwear, dress goods and coat suits, lace curtains, rugs, mattresses, bedspreads, men's custom-made clothes and dress gowns. The bulk of the goods, which, it is estimated, are worth \$500 in value, were stored in a big trunk tagged with the name of H. E. Sheets, a furniture dealer. Numerous articles were identified by witnesses from the department store of F. W. Thornton and from Stein Brothers clothing establishment. Goods have been unaccountably disappearing from the department store for two years. The McNeill woman informed the police that the goods seized were brought to her house by George Mills, a negro porter employed at Thornton's, who within the last two days has quit his employment and has disappeared. The police are looking for him.

## SPECIAL TERM OF COURT IS ORDERED

Milton Hobgood, Slayer of W. P. Wilkerson, Will Be Tried.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., September 8.—One of the most remarkable orders on record for the holding of a special term of court for the trial of a criminal in that State was made by Governor Kitchin for the trial of Milton Hobgood, the prominently connected man in Granville County, who shot to death County Commissioner W. P. Wilkerson on Monday as the latter was on his way to attend a session of the commission.

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sloners. Tuesday the commissioners, in session called up Governor Kitchin and made verbal request that a term of court be ordered. The regulations require that applications shall be on file in the office for a special term. The commissioners were directed to forward the order for the court and the commission to Judge Woodlee to preside over it. It was this morning the formal application in writing, for the court, came in. This will be used in perfecting the plan of the executive office. It was on account of the incomplete files of the Governor's office that the order for the court was not made public here and was first announced from Oxford. It is understood that the defense that will be set up for Hobgood will be insanity. He has been long addicted to excessive drink. His wife had left him and taken her daughters with her.

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## ANOTHER APPEAL MADE BY STUBBS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Kansas City, September 8.—President Taft was appealed to the second time by Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, yesterday, for assistance in putting down the strange disease that already has killed 2,000 horses, caused a loss of \$500,000, covered twenty-six counties, and is spreading to cattle and chickens. Colorado has announced a quarantine against Kansas horses. In some towns of the western part of the State, people, becoming panic-stricken, all supplies of turpentine, sulphur, linseed oil and other medicines have been wiped out in many towns, and a request for wholesale lots was received today. Governor Stubbs sent ten telegrams to mayors of towns asking them to advise that horses be watered only from wells. A dozen agricultural departments of Western States were asked to help destroy the cause of the malady. Passengers from the west end of the country being hit at night from the funerals of the animals. The officers at Fort Leavenworth today ordered a quarantine against any horses leaving or entering the reservation.

Governor Stubbs' telegram to the President, while an appeal for help was better in its denunciation of the department of animal industry. It was brought forth by a telegram sent to Tompkins in which the department said investigation showed the source to be local and that the government would do nothing to aid the State.

Jacobs-Jackson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Chatham, Va., September 8.—Miss Ruth Jackson and James L. Jacobs, of Motley's Station, were lately married at the home of Rev. W. D. Barr, in West Chatham, on Wednesday morning. Mr. Barr performing the ceremony, which was witnessed by a small gathering of friends. Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for the national capital to spend a few days. The bride is the daughter of Samuel Jacobs, of Pittsylvania County.

PRESENTMENT MAY BE MADE AGAINST SUPERVISORS.

Lyonsburg, Va., September 8.—Much interest attaches to the session of the Campbell County grand jury at Rustburg on Monday, for it is expected that an effort will be made to make presentment against the County Board of Supervisors for paying \$25 to the justices of the peace of Brookville District, in which the suburbs of the city are, for each conviction of automobile speeding. Other indictments for misfeasance in office against district officials would not come as a surprise here.

Declines Call to Gastonia. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Rev. J. Horace Lacy, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Winchester, announced to his congregation this morning that he had decided not to accept a call recently extended him by the Presbyterian Church at Gastonia, N. C., and will remain here.

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